

WELCOME HOME. These four pretty San Diegans participated in a "welcome home" ceremony for men of the 5th Mar. Div. who arrived here recently. The grateful Marines showered the girls with presents which included Jap money, Rising Sun flags and a Samuari sword. Top photo shows men leaning over the side of their ship as they shout to the baton-twirling belles.

(Photos by MTSgt. John G. Daly)

WR Points Drop to 18; Bulk of 5th Div. Here

Discharge points are not scheduled for a drop in the near future, it was reported today by an official Washington source, contrary to recent rumors that the currently required 50 service credits for enlisted men would be reduced to 40 this month.

The question of discharges for WRs was partially answered earlier this week by the reduction to 18 of service credits needed for separation. The new reduction opens the way to discharges for 42 Base WRs.

Meanwhile, members of the 5th Mar. Div. continued this week to ship the bulk of veterans returning from overseas, with the last large shipload due today.

Arrivals within the last few days

included 64 officers and 961 enlisted Marines on the assault transport *Riverside*, as well as smaller numbers on lighter craft. Scheduled to disembark today from the *Mifflin* are 1423 enlisted men and 58 officers, including Col. Harry H. Liveredge, former Marine football star. These returnees, over half of whom are members of the 3rd Bn., 28th Regiment, represent the last major group of the 5th to be returned at this time.

BASE RELEASES 30,000

Troop handling, redistribution and separation units at MCB meanwhile indicated that capacities had been expanded sufficiently to process all scheduled future arrivals with efficiency. 1st Sep. Co., which Tuesday released its 20,000th separatee since the company was organized late in 1944, announced that it had separated 12,712 enlisted men during the year just closed.

DISCHARGES SOAR

For the entire nation, official USMC figures revealed that separations are well ahead of schedule. During the third week of December, discharges exceeded the quota by over 3000. Plans called for discharge of 128,729 between Aug. 17 and Dec. 31, but this volume was surpassed by over 37 per cent, with 176,334 separated from the Corps during that period.

China Marines Shipping Home By Thousands

More than 10,000 high-point Marines of the 1st and 5th Divisions will be home early in 1946, it was revealed recently in a short-wave broadcast beamed to Corps garrisons in the Orient.

Thursday night, a press association reported that homeward-bound ships carrying 5000 Marines already had left Chinese ports.

China-stationed veterans first received the good word last week, from Brig. Gen. Gerald C. Thomas, director of Marine Corps plans and policies. Broadcasting from Washington, the general told the Leathernecks:

"We have already sent 10,000 new men out to replace you. . . . They should be there any day now, and . . . the vessel carrying the draft of 5000 will be immediately reloaded with Marines and returned directly to the United States. In addition, we are going to ship more men out to replace you other veterans as rapidly as they can be gotten under way."

G. E. D. Test Scheduled

Marines who have not graduated from high school will be given an opportunity beginning Jan. 7, at MCB, to measure their educational development.

Those who score successfully will be awarded a certificate which testifies that their general knowledge equals that of the average high school graduate.

Many high schools now will award diplomas to former students who pass the G. E. D. test, and the certificate itself will be accepted by the Marine Corps in lieu of a diploma, for admission to any special training or duty.

Applicants must enroll at the Education Office, Bldg. 1, not later than 1900 on Monday. The tests will require attendance also on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 9.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO MARINES

DEMobilIZATION SIDELIGHTS

One man aboard had smallpox when the troopship *Grundy* docked at Astoria, Ore., so 1861 servicemen were quarantined over Christmas. . . . Critical scores for discharge from the Navy dropped one point on Jan. 1, to 38 for enlisted men and 43 for officers, 33 and 29 for Waves. Further one-point reductions go into effect Jan. 15 and Feb. 2.

Nineteen hundred veterans who turned souvenir firearms over to the N. Y. City police department for welding of the vital mechanism, stand to lose the weapons altogether. Under provisions of the state Penal Laws, the police cannot return the firearms to their "unauthorized" owners.

The Army is releasing to civilians \$400,000,000 worth of surplus goods, ranging from 11,537 trucks and 2,060,000 army blankets, to 1,493,000 pairs of wool ski socks. . . . The RFC announced that 287 gov't-owned war plants costing nearly a billion dollars have been put into civilian operation.

Since last August, 178,466 servicemen have disembarked at San Diego. During the year just closed, nearly 167,000 naval separatees arrived here, and over 100,000 of them have already been discharged.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING VETERANS

President Truman signed the bill liberalizing educational benefits to veterans under GI Bill of Rights; and an education official announced that colleges face the greatest over-enrollment jam in history. 125,000 vets already are in college, financed by the gov't, and 207,000 more have applied for entrance.

Recent legislation will create a separate dental corps in the Navy; exempt all fathers from the draft; and cut red tape for entry into this country by the wives servicemen married overseas, and their children.

A super-intelligence system would be created by the U. S. State Department's new plan, blanketing the world with special agents. The

proposed system would be an outgrowth of the O.S.S., which is credited with giving this nation excellent intelligence protection during the war. . . . Meanwhile, the FBI reported that more than 16,000 enemy aliens were arrested in this country during the war. As many as 2800 complaints and "tips" were received in one day; over nine hundred thousand were investigated during war years; and 803 persons were convicted of sabotage.

Debate as to which U. S. city was to have the honor of being permanent headquarters for the United Nations Organization was highlighted by a demand from the British and Indian delegations for selection of a city which "draws no color lines," one where "all members of the U. N. would be able to feel at home, whatever their racial origin or the character of their state."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Californians paid total federal, state and local taxes averaging \$513 during the last fiscal year. . . . The city of San Diego is trying to obtain establishment here of a Veterans Administration general office, and a veterans' hospital.

During the week ending Dec. 30, eleven Marines driving autos were involved in San Diego collisions, and two Marines were injured. Suggested slogan for '46: "Being right won't heal a broken limb." Or, if you don't drive anyway: "Don't be a peDEADestrian."

THE JOB SITUATION

U. S. veterans who served in the southwest Pacific are encouraged by the Australian gov't to settle in that country. The minister for immigration is trying to obtain reduction of shipping fares for American servicemen who wish to move to Australia.

Present total unemployment is estimated at 3,500,000. The U. S. Dept. of Labor believes there will be increased economic expansion in 1946, and says that business caution rather than labor disputes is the most "significant and persistent cause of delay in reconversion."

Subscriptions Accepted

The *Chevron* is again open for new subscriptions.

A recent change in the *Chevron* policy permits us to accept new subscriptions for a limited period. New subscriptions are to be for six months duration, and are available to Marines, their families and interested parties.

The *Chevron* six-month subscription will be priced at 75 cents for individuals, and 50 cents for Marine units where papers are purchased for official recreational uses.

As *Chevron* subscriptions will be accepted for a limited time only, persons intending to subscribe should fill out and mail their subscription blanks now. See blank on page 7.

Lifetime Medical Treatment Offered For Honorably Discharged Personnel

Marines who are about to leave the service and re-enter life in their home communities will have earned the title of veterans. With that title go many privileges and benefits provided by a grateful government.

Probably the most valuable of all the many benefits will be the veteran's right to hospitalization FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE in Veterans Administration hospitals and domiciliary homes.

Just what are these Veterans Administration hospitals?

Veterans Administration Hospitals are institutions provided by the United States Government for the exclusive care of veterans of all wars and those members of the regular establishment who have been released from service for disability. These hospitals are operated by the Veterans Administration and are divided into three general classes—general medical and surgical, tuberculosis and neuropsychiatric. At present, the Veterans Administration is operating 97 hospitals with nearly 83,000 beds and domiciliary homes with more than 14,000 beds available for veterans. Construction of new hospitals is being pushed as rapidly as materials are available and authority can be secured.

TWO GENERAL CLASSES

Veterans entitled to treatment are divided into two general classes: service-connected and non-service-connected. For the veteran with a service-connected disability, treatment MUST be given at any time it is necessary, even if civilian hospital facilities have to be used. The service-connected veteran always has first priority on hospital space. He can be treated in outpatient clinics operated by the Veterans Administration. His transportation will be paid from his home to the hospital and upon completion of his hospitalization, back to his home, together with necessary ambulance fees. His treatment in the hospital is absolutely without cost, and for as long as is necessary to restore him to health. If a service-connected veteran is too ill to be moved to a hospital, he can be treated in his home community by his own doctor if no Veterans Administration doctor is available. The Government bears this expense.

PROSTHETIC DEVICES

Veterans with service-connected disabilities may receive dental care, and if receiving outpatient treatment, will be furnished all necessary drugs and medicines. In addition, the Veterans Administration furnishes without cost all prosthetic devices (artificial limbs, braces, bridgework, etc.), necessary to enable the veteran to present a normal appearance and to participate in a gainful occupation.

For the non-service-connected cases the veteran who becomes ill at any time from any cause—hospitalization will be given if space is available, for as long as is necessary, provided the veteran signs a statement that he is unable to meet the cost of hospitalization elsewhere. He merely signs his statement—there is no investigation of his financial status, and no effort is made to collect for hospitalization costs. The non-service-connected veteran may not receive

outpatient treatment, nor can he be treated by a private physician at government expense.

DISCHARGE VERIFIED

In order to gain admission to a Veterans Administration hospital—either service-connected or non-service-connected—a veteran must get in touch with, or have his family or a friend contact the hospital or Veterans Administration office nearest his home and make application. It does not take any more time than is required to communicate with the hospital or regional office where the veteran's discharge is verified. In an emergency, the veteran may be taken directly to the hospital where he will be admitted and his service later verified.

The average cost of hospitalization, which is borne by the government is five dollars per day, and the finest type of medical and surgical treatment is available. Not only do Army and Navy doctors staff the hospitals along with civilians, but outstanding medical men from every section of the country are on the staffs of the hospitals as advisers and consultants and their services are available in difficult types of cases.

HOSPITAL LOCATION

A Veterans Administration hospital usually is located where it will serve the largest number of patients in a given area—and new hospitals are being built near large cities where families can readily come to the hospitals for visits. The buildings by law must be fireproof and meet rigid specifications. They are attractive and comfortable. The grounds provide facilities for recreation and landscaping makes the hospital grounds seem like a park.

Many Marines have been in naval hospitals, and consequently know the general hospital routine. In Veterans Administration hospitals, a mild discipline is enforced for the good of all the patients, but a patient is free to leave a Veterans Administration hospital any time he feels he wants to. It is not recommended by the medical staffs that patients leave until they are discharged as having attained maximum hospital benefits, but there is NO compulsion for the veteran to stay if he doesn't desire to do so.

VET'S FAMILY NOT ELIGIBLE

What veterans can go to a hospital?

Any veteran—man or woman—discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

First priority is given to those with service-connected disabilities. Then the non-service-connected cases receive treatment so long as space is available. The veteran's family CANNOT receive treatment.

What kind of treatment can a veteran get?

A veteran may receive any type treatment needed in Veterans Administration hospitals.

What are the three main types of hospitals?

General medical and surgical, with 51 of these hospitals now in operation; tuberculosis with 14 hospitals exclusively for this disease; and neuropsychiatric with 22 hospitals treating this type of veteran. In addition there is one exclusive domiciliary home and domiciliary facilities at 10 hospitals. The domiciliary is different from the hospital in that veterans who are unable to care for themselves may receive care in a home. The great majority of veterans in domiciliary homes need little medical care, but receive whatever is necessary.

PHYSICAL CHECK-UP ADVISED

If a veteran contracted malaria or incurred some other disability during his service, even though he was in good health at time of discharge, it might be advisable to go to the office of the Veterans Administration nearest his home, present his discharge to the man in charge, and acquaint him with the fact of his past medical history. In this manner, the veteran might be able to speed up any hospitalization he may require in an emergency. It is not mandatory to do this, but it helps, and the individual will always find a good friend in the office of the Veterans Administration or regional office, wherever he may be.

Tip For Vet Auto Buyers

Before making a purchase, check with your local OPA Price Control Board for ceiling prices.

You cannot be required to trade in a car to buy another, but if you do, the dealer must give you "reasonable value" for it. To determine reasonable value, get bids from other dealers.

If you have already bought a car, and think you have been overcharged, make the same check. The OPA will get you a refund if you were billed. It got such refunds for four vets at one of its eastern offices in one day recently.



SAFETY VALVE

Letters of general interest to Marines will be published. Please be brief—sign your name, but it will be withheld if you wish.

No Can Do

Editor, the CheVron—I have been informed that just prior to the termination of hostilities the Marine Corps was awarding the Air Medal to airmen for completing five strikes against the enemy and the D.F.C. for twenty-five strikes. I have now heard rumors that airmen who have made similar strikes, before the Marine Corps became so liberal, but who received no awards, may submit application for same if able to supply official proof of total number of strikes completed.

I would like to know if this is more scuttlebutt or the straight dope. If the latter is true, I am sure there are many airmen, as well as myself, who would like to know how one goes about applying for said awards.

NAME WITHHELD

MCAS, El Centro, Calif.

Editor's Note—We do not have that information here but suggest that you contact the Base Sgt. Major's office at El Centro or Miramar. They are supposed to have that sort of thing at the tips of their fingers and should be able to help you out. Our Washington scout is a little slow, probably due to the Xmas mail rush.

Chicks Give Kicks

Editor, the CheVron—A bunch of us boys here at the Naval Hospital want to congratulate you and your staff artist on your CheVron Chicks that you have been running in your paper lately. We happened to chance upon a copy of the paper and are now eagerly waiting for the next issue. It's a pleasant relief from the usual type of Hollywood pin-up that most service papers run, and the captions underneath are out of this world! We get mighty sick of looking at those glamour gals and like your sense of humor. Please keep up the good work, cuz we've started a collection of them.

THE BOYS AT WARD NINE
USNH, San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—We're pleasantly relieved, too, to find that you like them and as long as people hang on tightly to their sense of humor, we hope to keep on publishing the CheVron Chick in unadulterated form.

A Father's Rother

Editor, the CheVron—Will you please print some straight dope on what you know of the status of men with two children? All kinds of scuttlebutt has been making its rounds that they will release fathers with two children before long, as the men with

three children have all been released. If you have any information on this matter, us dads would appreciate it.

NAME WITHHELD

MCB, San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—We have no dope at all on that one, straight or of the scuttlebutt variety. It is logical that men with two children will be released next, but there has been nothing official on it yet from Washington . . . no dispatch, no memo, no nothing!

Civilian Questionnaire

Editor, the CheVron—How come the 1st Marine Division don't get the five points they rate for a certain invasion until they hit Stateside?

If you can't answer my question, maybe Drew Pearson can.

Mrs. S. REINSINGER

San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—Maybe HQ hasn't officially confirmed the five points for the invasion. Maybe if we knew what "certain invasion" you meant it would help. Maybe Drew Pearson knows something about invasions that the Marine Corps doesn't. Maybe we just never got the word. We can't answer your question satisfactorily; perhaps Drew can.

Four Years for Hashmarks

Editor, the CheVron—Since there are now three-year enlistments and the Good-Conduct medal is authorized for three years of service, can hashmarks be worn after three years?

Corp. J. H. HELMER

USMFA, Point Loma, Calif.

Editor's Note—Sorry, but you will have to wait another year before donning the service stripe or hashmark. As far as we know four years are still required for eligibility.

Band Not Boots

Editor, the CheVron—When did the United States Marine Band begin to play at White House functions?

Miss LOUISE DAVIES

Stockton, Calif.

Editor's Note—An old order book dug out of our musty files shows that the Marine Band was to play at the Presidential reception at the White House as early as New Year's Day, 1893. Sally, aren't they?

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DEAR, DEAR, 'DERE TOP'

'Unfair to BMSSMB', Member Says

Dear Top—"Dere Top" Heinemann!

The only reason that I is writing youse is because I have been elected chairman of a small organization called BMSSMB (Brooklyn Marines Standed Sandiego Marine Base).

The pernt that we would like to put before youse is this: We BMSSMB (the nature's old, ya can spell it backwards too), howsum-ever, to coin a phrase right out of your former column, the thing that we wish to put before you is that we consider you unfair to us BMSSMB's.

I'm sorry if you are hurt by this statement but it's the truth. I've explained to my fellow members the reason for your discontinuing ya column but for the reason we is hurt about has nuttin to do with that.

The fact remains that by youse cutting out that column it has put us boys here at MCE from Brooklyn in a very embarrassing position. These hundreds of people around here that use to get their kick out of your xcent that you wrote so DILER-GENT-LEE these rooky marines for dear ol' CheVron, have now turned their attentions toward us guys and get quite a wellder outta what they call our Brooklyn xcent.

Top, that is one thing that I can not understand. What xcent do they want to get from us Brunks? I, personally, have been talking this way since I was born. (I WAS, honest), I never hold anybody mention the fact that I had an xcent til I reached California.

I just don't COME-PRÉ-HEN. Youse will havta excuse me using all these big words but I've got that way from reading that "Bertie the Bottle" column.

After all, Top, back home in Brooklyn we have a little suburban town right across the bridge (the BROOKLYN bridge) from us. You might have hold of it; it's called New York City. Now we want ya ter know that this place New York (it has a lot of people in, just like Sand Diego. Only difference they ain't all sailors.

Now Top, if those people in NYC, and such of them are plenty smart, don't ever mention our xcent how cum we hafta come all the way out here ter California ter be insulted?

Why the very foist xperience I had when I hit this here, really PO'ed me. I walks in to this joint where they sell beverages and says ter the guy: "Gimme a bottle of beer." Instead of doing his job and givin me the dern thing, he breaks out into a UP-RAW-US that's Bertie again) laffier, repeating: "Ha, Ha, BOTEL, Ha, Ha." Then still not doing his job he says: "Where ya from, Buddy... Brooklyn, Ha, Ha."

Top, he was really bolting me up.

Now Top, I asks ya, what's wrong with the way we say BOTEL? I learned all I could in school and they told us howda say it and as far as I know it's BOTEL. For ya information, I left the place without getting what I went in for, and he ferter embarrassed me when I went walking out the door; he kept perting to his other customers and telling 'em: "Look, that guy down there going out the door is from Brooklyn and he asked me..." That was all I hold as I was out into the beautiful California heavy due—"heavy due" and those people laff at us. Ha, Ha.

Well, Top, I think I got off the subject at hand long enough, so I shall return ter it and express what me and the rest of the BMSSMB's would like to ask ya to do.

If by any chance ya can see ya way clear ter return to writtin' ya ol' column "Dere Top," ya would hav our undying appreciation. Ya would immedately become the foist President of the BMSSMB's. We get a kick outta yer column because of the xcent you use therewith, and we understand that it's just a column and that noone could have an xcent like that."

Another thing, it would make my life much safer if you would continue "Dere Top" cause there is two babes, pardon, I mean WR's, that works over at motor transport that thinks I hav somethin ter do with you not writin it any more.

Ya know the characters I mean, Duffy and Casey. We usta be friends but now ever time they catch me crossing the street, even with the white lines, they come at me with those trucks and almost knock me down.

I asks 'em "What's the idea?" They always hav the same answer: "You better see that Heinemann writes that "Dere Top" again or ELSE."

What they mean by "OR ELSE," I never found out as I ain always existed from the quick dash I make to safety. If it's all the same ter ya, Top, I don't ever wanta find out either.

Look, Top, youse is a nice guy so if ya liketa help me out do sumthin' about those guys. Explain ter them what ya told me. After all the war is over and I didn't get kill by no Jap; ya wouldn't like to see me get it in Sand Diego for somethin' that's not my fault.

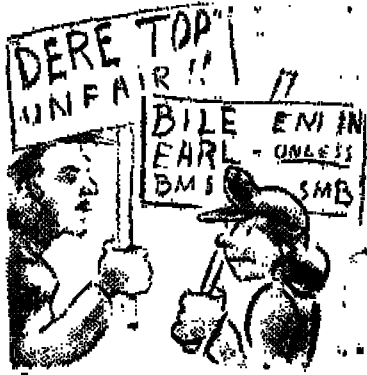
After all, I gotta wife and kid back in Brooklyn that loves me even if I had an xcent, WHICH I REPEAT... we hav NOT. They would like ter see me come back in one peace.

So there's my gripe, Top, and if there is anything youse can do about it, I will be grateful ter ya fer ever. Sew long for awhile, I'm off (NO CRACKS) on a fatlough and going back ter Brooklyn where everybody speaks the same language, which is strictly AMERICAN English.

THAT, Top, is the only difference with our talk and people out sidea Brooklyn. They think they is still in the old country and stick to the CON-VEN-SHINAL (I betta stop readin' that Bertie) English language which is strickles ol' stuff. This is AMERICA, We Brooklyn are strickles AMERICANS and when I get back there I will see to it that we start a campaign ter enlighten the rest of the country. Ya know, not give 'em the WORD.

Yours for BMSSMB,

Pvt. VINCENT MASSE, of BROOKLYN, U.S.A.



Revised GI Bill

Gets Truman's Signature

Governmental agencies this week greeted themselves for land-office business as thousands of veterans made application for new benefits under the recently liberalized GI Bill of Rights.

The revised version offers a brighter outlook for education-conscious and prospective home-owning vets.

Signed only last week by President Truman, the new law offers veterans of any age education equal to their length of time in the service. Under the former provisions, men over 25 were allowed only one year of schooling under the Bill of Rights, unless they could prove that their education had been interrupted by entrance into the service.

SUBSISTENCE BOOST

Further changes made in the education feature of the new veterans' law gives a general pay boost of \$15 a month in school-boy vets.

The subsistence allowance while in school is raised from \$50 a month to \$65 for single men. A veteran with dependents received \$90 instead of the previous \$75.

Although no change was made in the maximum allowance of \$500 for tuition, books and supplies, the revision eases governing regulations to permit correspondence school enrollments.

GI LOANS LIBERALIZED

For prospective home-owning vets, the new changes will permit those wishing to buy real estate opportunity to purchase more freely.

Partial government backing for vets who will build homes or enter small businesses has been raised; Uncle Sam will now guarantee up to \$4000 of a loan, rather than only \$2000 as previously.

Second step taken in the loan clause of the GI bill permits the purchase of real estate under a "reasonable" rather than "normal" value. This final change was made because of wartime price hikes which directly affected real estate.

Vets Urged to Review Circumstances Before Insurance Conversion Move

One of the potent questions being asked by returning servicemen today is: "To what form of permanent insurance should I convert my present NSI in order to give my beneficiaries the best possible protection?"

Before taking any steps toward conversion of your insurance from its present form to a permanent form, certain circumstances should be made clear in your mind before you do anything with your insurance.

INCOME A GAUGE

First, you must know how much insurance you can safely carry. This, of course, will depend upon your income and what you will need for living expenses. Naturally, a married man with children will need more protection than a single man. Use your own measuring stick and arrange to carry all the insurance you can with safety.

Don't be in too much of a hurry to convert your insurance, get oriented in your new life and surroundings before making any changes at all. Some men will be awarded disability pensions, and to these men there is the opportunity of having the insurance premiums deducted each month from the pension account. This means that as long as they draw a pension, they will have paid-up insurance for that length of time. To this type of veteran the insurance problem becomes no problem at all. He merely goes to the nearest Veterans Administration office in his community and files the necessary forms for this purpose.

PAY IN ADVANCE

A good plan to follow upon leaving the service is to take enough money from your mustering-out pay to pay up two or three months premiums right now. This will give



(Photo by PFC. Joanne Cherry)

MARINE BALL. Three members of Base Hq. Co. who were instrumental in arranging for one of the biggest dances ever planned by Base personnel here place the first poster advertising the forthcoming show. Men are, from left to right: WO. Charles A. Dyer, SttSgt. Eldridge A. Crogan and TSgt. William D. Newton.

Headquarters Dance Jan. 7th at Square

Ted Fio Rito and his orchestra are to highlight what will probably be the most sensational entertainment yet ever presented for enlisted Marines of this Base.

Sponsored by Base Hq. Co., and open to only those men who receive written invitations, the party will be held at Pacific Square Jan. 7, Entertainment

ment will start at 2000 and conclude at 2300 the following morning.

The evening's program will consist chiefly of dancing—music by Ted Fio Rito—while specialty numbers during dance intermissions will be performed by members of the former Dick Jergens troupe.

TOP BASE SHOW

According to 1stSgt. Richard Hart, dance committeeman, the forthcoming party will top any entertainment yet given by Base personnel.

"We want this to be the biggest,

and best dance ever given here. And it won't be a brawl," Hart stated.

"This is to be a party for headquarters people, their wives and guests," Hart continued. "We are going to prove for once and for all that Marines know how to have decent entertainment."

WR's, WAVES INVITED

A special invitation is extended by Hq. Co. to all WR's and WAVES. Transportation will be furnished from the Base to Pacific Square for those servicewomen. They will be returned by bus to the Base after the dance if they desire.

Also invited to attend are my San Diego ladies who will present themselves at the main entrance of Pacific Square during the program.

EVERYTHING FREE

Refreshments will be served continuously at soft-drink bar throughout the ballroom.

Four door prizes are to be presented to lucky stub-holders during the program, Hart said, and corsages are to be given all lady guests upon arrival.

COMMITTEEMEN

Other committeemen on the dance program which includes Hart, are:

WO. Charles A. Dyer, TSgt. Wm. D. Newton, SttSgt. Eldridge A. Crogan, SttSgt. M. R. Cramp and SttSgt. Vincent F. Lottolo.

'Speed-up' Urged For Vets' Checks

WASHINGTON—A speed-up in the payment of first subsistence checks to veterans who are studying under the GI Bill of Rights was ordered this week by the Veterans Administration in a reorganization of previous procedures. The new program is expected to assure payment of initial subsistence allowances to veterans the day they become eligible—30 days after their enrollment in school.

The reorganization was ordered by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, administrator of veteran affairs, after complaints were received that the previous method was too slow and cumbersome.

Under the new procedures, the process of authorizing subsistence payments will be started immediately after veterans enroll in colleges or universities even if the



SVINGMASTER FIO RITO
... to play for Marines

necessary records are not readily available. The records under the new program will be secured while the veteran is in training and any necessary adjustments in pay made at a later date.



(Official USMC photo)

LOST YOUR SOUVENIRS? PFC. E. D. Webster of Willow Grove, Pa., cleans Jap rifle found packed in with Corps equipment, as were many other personal souvenirs of 3rd Corps Artillery Marines. QM personnel at Camp Elliott now are trying to reunite owners with souvenirs.

Ryukyu Souvenirs Safe— But Where Are Owners?

By PFC. Wilson K. Lythgoe

CAMP PENDLETON—Marines who manned equipment of the 3rd Corps Artillery, in the heavy fighting on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, will be reunited with their souvenirs—if the efforts of QM personnel at Base Depot, Camp Elliott, Calif., are successful.

Believing that they and their equipment would not be separated upon returning to the States, the 3rd Corps Marines packed their treasured Japanese flags and other prizes in with the Corps' "gear."

"Every effort is being made to find the owners of the souvenirs," said Col. E. P. Simmonds, commanding officer of the Base Depot.

EQUIPMENT ARRIVES GRIMEY

The war mementos arrived at Camp Elliott packed in with the Corps' artillery pieces, trucks, jeeps, tracked vehicles and other equipment, all of which were still coated with the dust and grime of Okinawa battlefields. Last week, Marines at Base Depot "cleaned up" two shiploads of this equipment.

All Marine Corps property arriving from overseas and not needed for use during the demobilization period is being turned over to the Base Depot at Camp Elliott, where it is thoroughly checked over. Serviceable material is added to the Depot's stocks, and worn-out equipment is marked for reclamation and salvage.

Motor transport equipment, although battered from the long Okinawan campaign and from two

typhoons which gave it a working over before it was hoisted out of the ship's holds to the San Diego docks, was in workable condition—98 per cent of the rolling stock moving to Camp Elliott under its own power.

Practically all of the outfit's tracked vehicles moved under their own power from the dock areas to where they were placed on flat-bed truck trailers and railroad cars for shipment.

Pendleton Reaches Discharge Heights

CAMP PENDLETON—The 10,000th Marine was discharged from separation company here last week as a new record was established for weekly separations.

Sgt. Richard R. Shelby of New Orleans, La., discovered he was No. 10,000 to be discharged from Camp Pendleton's Redistribution Regiment. Shelby, a veteran of 25 months in the Pacific, enlisted in the Marine Corps March 6, 1942, and joined the 1st Division in October. As a machine gunner, he participated in the action on New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa.

At present a large number of colored troops are stationed at Camp Pendleton for processing, reassignment and discharge. Among these are the 9th and 10th Depot Companies and a portion of the 51st Defense Bn.



Sgt. RICHARD R. SHELBY
... 10,000th to leave

Movie Unmoves

By TSgt. Charles B. Cunningham
Marine Correspondent

HIRADO, Japan (Delayed)—A small group of Marines in this island town just off Northern Kyushu surrendered last night.

But not to the Japanese.

They surrendered any hopes of ever understanding a Japanese movie. Fifteen minutes of close attention to the actions and speech of the Japanese actors proved too much for these men of the 5th Mar. Div., reconnaissance and amphibious truck companies.

Earlier they had nonchalantly paid 50 sen, about four cents in American money, for the privilege of taking off their shoes and finding squatting space in the seatless theater, the town's one and only.

AFRS Continued For Overseas Duty

LOS ANGELES—Armed forces overseas can count on hearing the same volume of top radio programs in 1946 as they have in 1945.

It was confirmed recently that the Armed Forces Radio Service, an agency established at the beginning of World War II to bring information and entertainment via radio to American forces in all parts of the world, will continue as a military operation of the War and Navy Departments.

To meet the increased needs of armed forces overseas for entertainment, news and informative material, Armed Forces Radio Service is maintaining a full production schedule at its headquarters in Los Angeles as well as keeping its daily shortwave broadcasts on the air from San Francisco and New York City.

ALL BRANCHES

Forty-three officers and 120 enlisted men from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are currently on active duty at Armed Forces Radio Service. The AFRS became a combined operation in 1944, functioning under the Information and Education Division of the Army and the Bureau of Naval Personnel within the War Department.

Two hundred and thirty-nine broadcast outlets of the Armed Forces Radio Service are still known to be in daily operation, not including 16 powerful transmitters utilized by the AFRS in this country to beam its shortwave broadcasts to all overseas areas.

TRANSCRIPTIONS

AFRS will continue to supply plastic, vinylite transcriptions of its radio programs to AFRS broadcast stations, foreign station outlets in the vicinity of American forces, and countless sound systems aboard ships and at Army and Navy bases. During the month of November, AFRS obtained 110,000 pressings from manufacturers. An estimated one and one-half million AFRS transcriptions have been shipped overseas to date.

Overall scope of AFRS production activity in Los Angeles for the armed forces overseas into 1946 is clearly indicated in its total radio program output. During a period of one month AFRS headquarters produces 800 separate radio shows resulting in 330 hours of transcribed radio. An average of 4 1/2 hours of studio facilities are

required to accomplish each transcribed hour.

In addition to decorum-reinforced versions of major network shows, and special programs written and produced at its headquarters, the AFRS will continue releasing supplements for its basic music library. At present AFRS averages 50 new selections weekly.

Armed Forces Radio Service is currently beaming a sum monthly total of 4400 hours of shortwave programs overseas. Its projected shortwave broadcast schedule will bring armed forces in the Pacific 636 hours and 53 minutes of news, sports, special events, and information programs weekly from AFRS shortwave office in San Francisco. AFRS programs will also be available 2 1/2 hours a day over KRHO, a 100,000-watt shortwave transmitter located at Honolulu, providing broadcast coverage

to troops in a broad arc from Honolulu, throughout islands in the Pacific ocean areas into Japan, China, India and Burma.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE

Special radio programs written and produced by AFRS headquarters through the gratuitous performances of stage, screen, and radio stars solely for military audiences will follow the same production pattern established during war-time.

Consequently, armed forces overseas may expect to hear editions of Command Performance, Mail Call, Jubilee, and G. I. Journal into 1946.

Informational type programs on the 1946 schedule include "Heard at Home," Our Foreign Policy, Science Magazine of the Air, and This Is the Story.

Armed Forces Radio Service is retaining the services of G. I. Jib, favorite of G.I.'s throughout the war.

A "bedside network" of 111 AFRS hospital broadcasting sound systems will bring special AFRS productions to the wounded in the United States.



(Photo by Pvt. Earl E. O'Bar)

RETURNS TO TEACH, SttSgt. John W. Kincaid was a member of "Halls of Montezuma" radio orchestra in 1942. Now, after duty overseas with 9th Marines, he has returned to take charge of reactivated Band School at MCB. Twenty recruits will be selected each month for 12-week instruction course.

Base Band School Is Reactivated; Offers Recruits Special Training

Beginning this month, recruits with natural talent along musical lines are being given an opportunity to have 12 weeks' training in Band School at MCB, whether or not they have had previous experience or study.

Band School was reactivated by Washington order Dec. 1, after being closed for nearly a year because of war conditions. Under the new authority, RD classification information is screened regularly for promising novices, who are then given an interview and an audition. Some 30 have been enrolled already, and up to 20 more each month will be selected for schooling.

INSTRUCTOR SAW ACTION

SttSgt. John W. Kincaid, of La Veta, Colo., is in charge of Band School, conducting auditions and supervising instruction and rehearsals. A former music student at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., Kincaid played trumpet in the "Halls of Montezuma" radio orchestra three years ago, then shipped overseas with 3rd Mar. Div. During action at Bougainville, the North Solomons, Guam and Iwo Jima, he served as "bandman and stretcher-bearer." Now back at MCB again, he plays trumpet in the Base Band as well as handling his new duties at the school, where he is assisted by six instructors.

Training given recruits includes development of any individual specialties, such as solo performance, trick styles, or entertainment features, in addition to the more conventional dance orchestra and military music techniques. Men with special entertainment acts, however, are accepted only if they also possess ability to play an instrument or sing.

MANY GRADUATED

Among those "graduated" during the early war years were nearly all the personnel of the Dick Jurgens show, including singers, tap-dancers, jugglers, imitation-artists, and comedians. As Jurgens' show has been disbanded, 17 of its members are expected to report here for duty in January, and probably will augment the present musical organizations at MCB.

Band School also developed most of the musicians and novelty artists in Bob Crosby's show. According to CWO. F. A. Lock, Base Band Officer, the school is now looking toward a goal of producing 250 finished bandmen as soon as possible from present sources, and will request transfer of qualified recruits upon their completion of boot camp.

Preference will be given to men with some background of experience, but any individual with real interest and inherent ability will be considered.

Orders Now Taken For CheVron Book

Leather-bound volumes containing the last six months' issues of the CheVron will be made available, in limited quantity, shortly.

Bound in attractive red leather, the volume will be sold approximately at cost and will include, free of charge, the recipient's name in gold letters on the cover front.

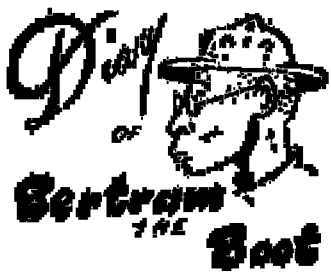
The last six months of the CheVron cover the closing and dramatic pages of World War II and the first months of reconversion. Complete with eye-witness stories and gripping on-the-scene photos, the CheVron depicts the war and the peace in typical Marine Corps style.

Persons desiring these volumes should send their orders as soon as possible, enclosing money, check or money order for \$5.50, to The CheVron, Bldg. 15, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, 40, Calif.

Orders should contain instruction for the name to be gold-embossed on the cover of the volume. If the volume of orders exceeds our quota, money will be refunded by mail.

Loquacious Legacy

EAST ORANGE, N. J.—Taxi driver John J. Brophy, 40, a veteran of 23 months overseas, was left \$50,000 by Carl Rupprecht, one of his regular fares, who said that Brophy's conversation helped him to escape from the boredom of talk about business, concerts and the opera.—SEA.



By Pvt. John F. Valicak

After some delay due to fatigue, during which the memory of embarrassment has dimmed, believe I can now bring myself to record the almost incredibly unfortunate occurrences of my second week at Rifle Range.

MONDAY

Guard duty tonight was almost fun, until my chronic bad luck caught up with me.

Had first watch, in hut area. After "lights out," stomped from one hut to another, enjoying myself hugely as I snarled in a carefully deep, rough voice: "Aw right—knock it off in there! Douse them lights!"

Each time, immediate silence and frightened whispers resulted—most stimulating to my poor battered ego. . . . Then came upon hut with lights glaring shamelessly, and someone still talking inside. Slapping the door hard with club, I growled out my curfew orders with especial forcefulness.

The usual silence resulted momentarily, but then door popped open and a MAJOR stood glaring at me; and addressed me, with what I have since concluded was sarcasm: "Pardon me, Private, but we've always kept the Communications Office open all night. Of course we can revise that policy, if the light disturbs your sleep."

Stuttering "Oh no, Sir—don't bother—not at all—" I bent hasty retreat, feeling that the glow of my blush was itself lighting the area quite illegally.

TUESDAY

It was more than one man should have to bear—such an unbelievable coincidence, and coming only 24 hours after my embarrassment with the Major.

Tuesday was my first day to fire the M-1 rifle and I had lain awake most of the night, steeling myself for the experience. But what remained of my nervous system disintegrated steadily as I watched the first victims in our platoon dig their toes in, tense their muscles and then—despite their bracing—shudder and rock under the impact of the deafening explosion.

Inevitably as doom, my turn arrived. . . . It was shortly after 3:00 p.m. . . . I collapsed flat on the ground as I had learned during "snapping-in" practice, and as the series of preparatory orders rang out I dropped my magazine in the dirt three times. Finally the coach loaded the gun for me—making critical comments which I didn't even hear, for at this stage my mind was growing numb, and all that remained was Terror. I recall that I was shivering both internally and externally.

The order came to Fire. I sighed miserably, shut my eyes, and summoned all my remaining strength to pull that trigger.

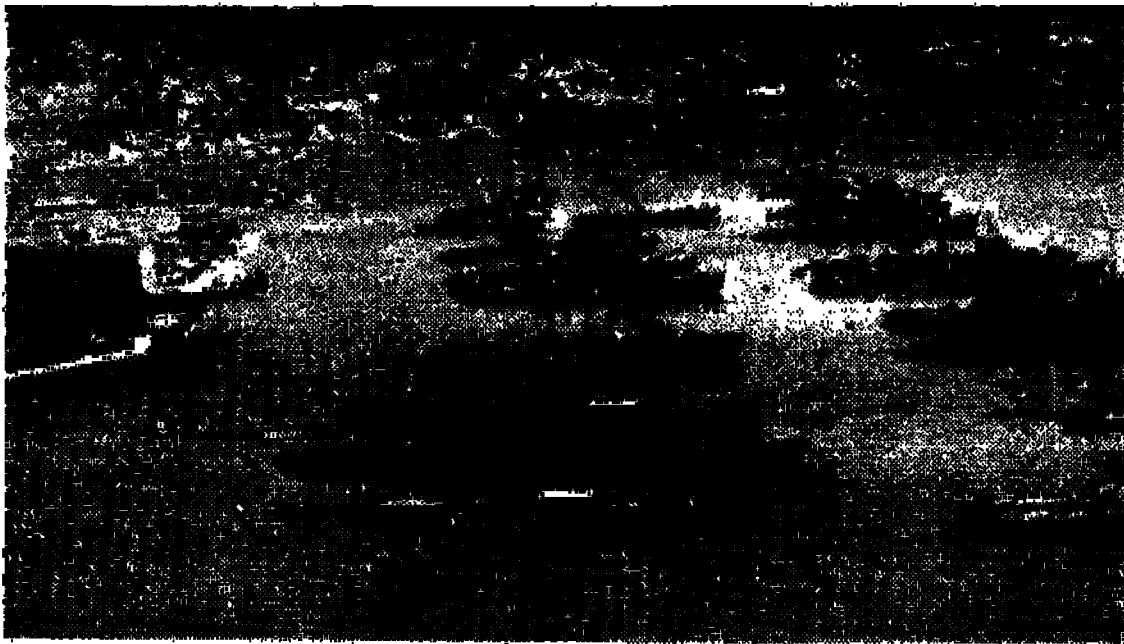
A colossal blast shattered the air. The earth shook under me—I swear it—and lights danced behind my closed eyelids. Weak and perspiring, I lay there for a moment and then opened my eyes. Dropping to earth nearby I could plainly see bits of matter—twigs, leaves, even particles of dirt.

When finally I was capable of a coherent thought, I turned to my coach and weakly whispered, "Heavens! It's even worse than I thought!"

He was crouching, mouth open, staring toward the highway. . . . It was shortly later that I learned of the munitions-truck explosion, near Torrey Pines.

I cannot continue. Those two days were too much for a lifetime, much less one week; so I shall omit and try to forget the following days, and begin afresh next week.

Surely, surely the Marine Corps eventually will recognize that Fate is deliberately plotting against me.



(Original U. S. Navy photo)

JAP FLEET GRAVEYARD. The last shattered remnants of the Japanese Imperial Fleet lie useless in the waters of Kure Bay. Destroyers, destroyer escorts, a net tender and a Jap imitation LST can be seen.

Little Remains of Jap Imperial Fleet

The Junyo, a 28,000-ton Jap aircraft carrier, as large as our Essex class carriers, is now a mass of red rust resting despondently in the harbor at Sasebo, Japan.

Once a proud sea-fighter of the Jap Navy, she suffered her initial setback in the first battle of the Philippine Sea when 56 of her planes took off and only one returned. At anchorage since December, 1944, her flight deck and two hangars are bare of planes and only 12 officers and 28 other naval personnel comprise her crew.

HIT AT PHILIPPINES

During that first battle of the Philippine Sea she received a bomb hit on the superstructure and limped to Kure for repairs. Shortly afterwards, one of our submarines off western Kyushu put a torpedo into her starboard engine room.

That was the end of the operational career for the Junyo. After that she was used to carry planes and supplies from Japan to the Philippines until our troops landed there. During the carrier and B-29 strikes on this base, the area was heavily bombed but the Junyo invariably managed to escape.

POOR QUARTERS

Accommodations for the crew aboard a Jap carrier cannot compare with a U. S. Navy carrier, or for that matter, with those of any of our ships. The pilot's ready room is an austere compartment, certainly lacking in comfort, the crew's mess hall is a dark, ill-smelling room set up with picnic tables and benches and the crew's living quarters are the nearest thing to living in a steel cage afloat.

Marines Lauded For Fighting Local Fires

A letter of appreciation was this week received by the Base commander, Maj. Gen. Earl C. Long, commending Marine Base personnel for their action taken in combating the recent forest fires which threatened thousands of San Diego county acres.

The letter, addressed personally to Gen. Long, reads:

Dear General Long: I want to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid cooperation and invaluable aid of the officers and men under your command in connection with the serious forest fires which burned last summer. In or near the National Forests of California, it is in large measure due to the aid furnished by the armed forces that forest fire losses were held down to the lowest figure in several years.

The number of fires starting was far above normal and severe weather conditions existed a number of times during the summer. Many of the fires undoubtedly would have developed into major conflagrations had it not been for the timely aid your forces gave the U. S. Forest Service.

The many times you furnished manpower and equipment permitted accomplishment of work toward control of the fires which could not have otherwise been done.

Again may I thank you for generous and welcome help.

Very truly yours,
S. H. Shaw,
Regional Forester.

As the once mighty dealer of death rests in its shallow grave, drawn up on either side are two submarines. Much larger than the midget subs which the Japs used at Pearl Harbor, they have a crew of 35 or 20. Several of these subs are beached a few yards from the Junyo and four are afloat, though minus crews.

On the bridge of the doomed hulk are sears which an interpreter said

Gizmo is 'Doong-she'

TIENTSIN, China (Delayed) —When Marines don't have a word for it, they call it a "gizmo." A gizmo is simply a name which fits anything at all but fits mechanical gadgets best.

And now it develops, according to Sgt. Gregoire de la, Hamilton, Marine correspondent with the 3rd Amphib. Corps, that the Chinese have a word for gizmo.

In Mandarin Chinese, a word spelled phonetically "doong-she," literally, "east-west," but is slang for "thing"—anything at all, but particularly a mechanical gadget.



PFC DON WALTER
CATE, 30,000th Base Dischargee

Base Dischargees Pass 20,000 This Week

MCB—The Marine Corps this week handed out the 20,000th ticket to civilian life to be issued at this separation center.

Its recipient, PFC Don Walter Cate of Porterville, Calif., was returned to this country Dec. 21 of last year after serving in four campaigns beginning with the New Guinea defense and ending on Okinawa.

A member of the 1st Mar. Div., PFC Cate is the owner of 88 points accumulated during three and one-half years of service.

In becoming "Citizen Cate," PFC Cate spent 72 hours in the separation company here where he was informed of his rights as a veteran and received his final pay. The future, says Cate, will be free from complications.

were caused by gunfire from American planes in the Philippine Sea battle. He said they lost 90 men when the bomb exploded directly on the huge stack that tops the island structure.

UNFINISHED CARRIERS

Two more carriers, unfinished, are moored a short distance from the Junyo. They are the 27,000-ton Kasagi, and the 30,000-ton Ibuki. Each has a decided list to starboard. It would have been a couple of months before they would have been able to go to sea.

Writers Needed

The Base Public Information Office announced this week that staff writers are directly needed to fill vacancies recently left by transferred personnel.

Men stationed at this Base, and interested in doing newspaper work for the Base Public Information Office, should apply immediately.

Maj. N. H. White, officer in charge of the unit, stated that only men with experience in the newspaper line will be considered. Although if applicants have worked on college or high-school journals and their work is acceptable, they may get the job.

Marines interested should first get permission from their CO's before applying to the Base PI Office, Bldg. 15. The telephone extension is 631.

Warships to End Transport Hauls

Battleships, carriers and transports can be withdrawn from transport service with still enough regular transports left to bring home veterans from the Pacific without interruption of service, it was revealed recently.

Brought out by Rear Admiral W. M. Callaghan, chief of Naval Transportation Service, in testimony before the Senate's Mead Committee on National Defense, Adm. Callaghan assured the committee that transportation would be no bar to bringing veterans home in 1946.

It was stated in the hearing that the Army and Navy brought home from all theaters of war 1,042,918 servicemen and women in November. They expected at least to have equalled that record in December, with 800,000 of the remaining 1,583,000 overseas forces eligible for discharge on their way to the States by New Year's Day.

Senator Mead was assured that the Navy's ability to do the job with the withdrawal of warships from transport service was not limited to the present status of points, but would be valid no matter how quickly and in what discharge points dropped.



HAIL AND FAREWELL

Now that the militarized holiday season is over with and practically everyone is back on their feet, of at least walking around in a weak sort of way, we can hold our aching heads and swear that it was fun.

It wasn't such a bad year! We DID see V-J Day finally come and that had top priority on a lot of people's resolution lists.

We're a year older and a year wiser and the WR Bn. is dwindling away in the chaos of demobilization.

We're going home and the barracks are getting mighty empty. The old familiar faces aren't around any more and letters to your friends are addressed as "Miss" or "Mrs." There's hope in sight for the low-pointers. All at a sudden your pals are becoming very dear to you and the things that you have hated and griped about seem rather silly. Rumors and letters float back from the outer world that make you wonder if civilian life is going to be half as interesting. You wonder what kind of civilian you'll make and how long it will take you to get used to such things as open-toed shoes and ridiculous hats, whether you'll be able to make the change and adjust yourself to doing your own thinking.

Then you consider the fact that this year, 1946, you'll be out of the Marine Corps, away from it 100% ever and free to start yourself a shiny, new way of living. Maybe 1945 wasn't such a bad year, but this one coming up will be WONDERFUL!

RIME TIME

Someone way up high has been very nice to us

And now we don't have too much about which to fuss

Because the points have been lowered an infinitesimal bit

So some more of us can go home if we can find a train with a place on it to sit.

Hurray for the new score of eighteen points!

When we were starting to think that before we ever get out we'd be old and gray and creaking in the joints.

Hurray for separation center and all the lovely people who work there!

Hurray for red dresses and goodbye to short hair!

We have a new movie and we're going to stick to it

Now that we've been given the chance to do it:

Back to the sticks in 1946!

ALOHA DEPT.

This column seems to be a pretty sad thing this week, so while we're at it, give us a chance to grin over the transfer of Lt. Mary Illich, who was officer-in-charge of the Chevron.

She's in Washington and we're here bravely carrying on without her cheery grin and cute remarks.

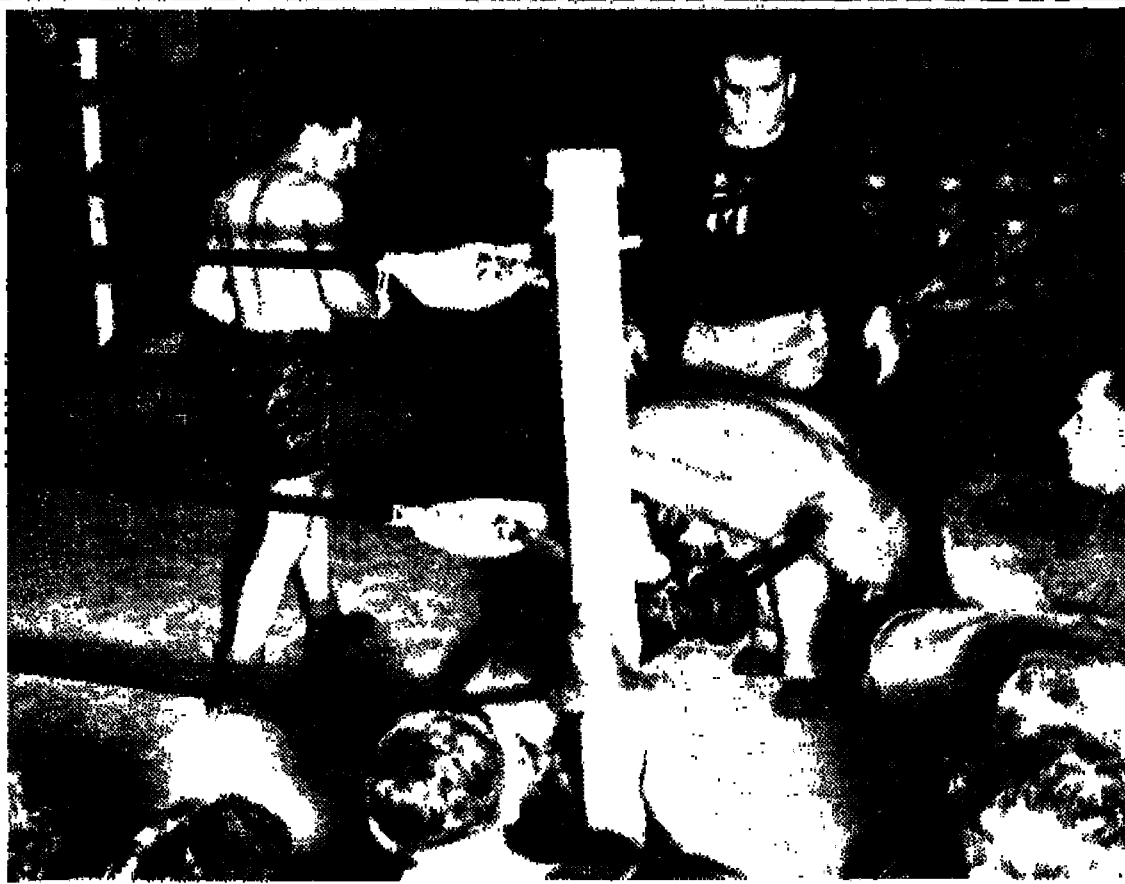
A better officer we couldn't have had. Why must this be?

It's Snow Use

PEIPIING (Delayed) — After more than three years of coconuts, coral and palm fronds the Pacific veterans of the 5th Marine Regiment recently had their first taste of snow, although it hardly amounted to enough to stage a decent snowball fight.

The day proved to be a bitter disappointment for the hundreds of camera fiends who scrounged film and discussed shutter speeds and filters all morning only to find that the snow was "gone with the sun" when liberally call sounded in the afternoon.

THE CHEVRON Sports



SAVED BY THE BELL. In this action shot taken at last week's RD boxing matches, Nate Dumont is hearing the birdies, but the sound of the bell was more to his advantage. This happened in the second round of the main event. George Bevins, shown leaving the scene of the crime, later was awarded the decision. He is undefeated in RD competition.



By Pvt. VINCENT MASSE

1945 SPORTSREEL (continued)—Unknown to this department, there happened to be a few more people glancing over this column than we had figured and they were of the opinion that we didn't cover enough of the 1945 sports in our last column to satisfy. It was due mainly to lack of space, BUT we got the space now so let's continue:

TRACK—Gunder Hagg, the Swedish swift, lowered the mile record to 4:01.4, an amazing speed but still shy of the four-minute mile hope.

GOLF—Byron Nelson's winning streak which he stretched for "in-the-money" tournaments to 102. The tough Texan won 19 major golf tournaments netting him a record \$66,528. (What's this about ball players having an easy life?)

BASKETBALL—The game got its first black eye this year when the B'klyn College scandal was heard throughout the nation. Five members of the team were accused of accepting a bribe to throw a game. (So "It Happened in Brooklyn" . . . woe is Me.)

BASEBALL—Reported outstanding accomplishments last time but overlooked some other important items like: Senator Albert 'Happy' Chandler being elected baseball commissioner replacing the late Kenesaw Landis, known as Mr. Baseball. . . . The sale of a great, probably one of the greatest franchises, the New York Yankees, to a three-man combine—Col. Larry S. MacPhail, Dan Topping and Del Webb. . . . The signing of the first colored player into organized baseball, Jackie Robinson. Signed by the Montreal Royals, a farm club of the Brooklyn Dodgers. (WHAT . . . B'klyn again?)

RACING—Of all things we neglected to report the greatest attraction of the "Sport of Kings," the Kentucky Derby. Due to war restrictions, the date was set back to June 9th. The jackpot of \$65,000 was taken by Hoop Jr. . . . In the barnyard classic, the Hambletonian, Titan Hanover scampered off with two straight heats.

TID-BITS. After eight victories in Rose Bowl competition, the USC football eleven finally ran into a team to stop them. The Crimson Tide from dear ol' Alabamey put the skid on them to the tune of 34-11. . . . While on the football subject, let's drop a passing remark that the Shrine Bowl game in San Francisco ending in a tie between the East and the West deprived this reporter of making a 100% rate in the predictions of all the Bowl games—check last edition (ha, ha—who is this guy Winchell?) . . . You'll pardon us a minute if we just mention in a sporting manner this department's regrets, along with the rest of the staff, of the loss of our ex-Officer-in-Charge Lt. Mary V. Illich, recently transferred to Washington, D. C. If ever there was a "sport," she was one. . . . 'NUFF SED.

Basketball Top Sport On Base Program

Basketball will again headline the Base athletic program as the New Year gets underway.

According to the Base Athletic officer, conditions for the early part of 1946 will offer the same difficulties that curtailed most of the sport activities in 1945.

A meeting of all athletic heads from every organization on the Base will be held early next week for the purpose of obtaining a basic solution on intramural sports.

BACK TO WORK

The Base basketball team, inactive during the holiday week, will swing back into the 11th Naval Dist. tournament next Tuesday when the second half of the tournament will get under way.

Their first game of the second half will be against the same team that knocked them out of the leadership for the first half. The Ream Raiders, present champs of the "B" league, will offer the locals about the strongest competition that they will be called upon to meet for the rest of the season.

SMALLEST SQUAD

Despite the loss of two key players, Pvt. Heatherly and PFM2/c Leon Taylor, which brings the squad down to the lowest personnel that they have yet had, the boys feel quite confident that they will be able to get off on the right foot in this ongoing game and continue through.

Basketball fans will find solace in the fact that while the Base team will be about its duties of keeping the same MCB before the public, the second half of the Base

Casaba league will be underway here on the Base.

ANNOUNCEMENT DUE

Early next week the schedule will be arranged and announced.

BULLETIN

MCB—In an exhibition game played here Thursday night, the Camp Elliott Tadcans defeated the Base quintet in one of the most exciting and roughest games yet played on the local courts.

Playing with only three men, the rest of the squad being fouled out, the Tadcans scored in the last few seconds of the game to gain a 55-54 victory.

Plans up to the moment forecast that it will be a ten to twelve-team league.

The champion Medical team will again be entered, but from all reports it will not be as strong a team as they have been able to put into action the past few years. This all adds up to the happy thought that it will be one of the closest races in some time.

BASEBALL NEXT

Looking over the other sports, it seems that baseball, the national pastime, will be the next one to take over the interest of the fans.

Play in the 11th Naval Dist. tournament will begin early in March. It will follow its regular procedure of breaking the season up into two halves. Our Base team was victorious in both halves last year and, although not many members of that championship club will be available this year, the entry that will participate will carry on its high traditions.

MUSCLEMEN

Another item that seemed to gain popularity this past year and which fares well to increase, is the weight-lifting gear.

What with other activities stymied for the time being, it is wondered if an innovation would take place by having some sort of tournament or contest with these many weight-lifting fans.

Bevins Brothers Head RD Smoker; Silver Trophies to All Winners

The regular weekly boxing bouts at Recruit Depot were climaxed this last Saturday night by the presentation of silver trophies to the winners. The winners of the first eight bouts received small trophies, while the losers consoled themselves with money clips. The contestants in the semi-final and main event were awarded large trophies, which will be engraved later.

MAIN EVENTS

The semi-final between Roland Tuccano and Don Bevins ended in a draw, with Bevins' technique not quite up to that of his brother, George, who has won all his Depot bouts. The main event of the evening matched up George Bevins with Nate Dumont with Bevins taking the judges' decision. Dumont put up a good show against Bevins but was probably expressing the consensus of opinion when he remarked later, "I wouldn't want to do it again. It's not healthy."

Bevins is slated for the Base boxing team when he finishes his recruit training and should be a valuable addition. His younger brother, Don, is also climbing the pugilistic ladder and with more training and polishing would no doubt keep up his end of what looks like a family tradition.

RESUME

Danny Garber / Vincent Walz. Garber took the decision.

Last Call

The final call has been sounded for all personnel interested in joining the Base boxing team. Preparations are now going on for a Base entry in the forthcoming Golden Gloves tournament, sponsored by the San Diego Journal, to be held on the nights of Jan. 30 and 31.

Anybody with either professional or amateur experience that would be interested in joining should get in touch with WO Bennett at Bldg. 1 or mail Box 508.

Jake Ewell/M. S. Carter. Carter won this one.

Harold Goltsch/Melvin Acheson. Acheson fought to take the decision in this one.

Bill Perkins/Bill Meyers. Meyers the victor.

Enrique Escobar/George LaRay. Escobar won this bout.

Julio Cobinato / Edward Blair. Fought to a draw.

Vernon Phelps / Don Nicolaides. Nicolaides the winner.

Lafayette Mix / Aaron Anderson. Draw decision.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED. Most of the spectators at last week's boxing show were surprised to hear the name of Bevins mentioned both in the semi-final and the main event. Shown above are the Bevins brothers. Don, on the left, is the newest edition, being just a week-old "boot." George is well known for his splendid exhibitions in Recruit Depot matches.

No-Fraternization Rule Useless to Marines

By PFC. John Murphy (Reprinted from The North China Marine)

TIENTSIN (Delayed) — Fraternization poses no problem in this war-troubled North China city. 1st Mar. Div. veterans, here at the invitation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, will have no truck with their old Pacific enemy — male or female.

The Japanese concession has been put out-of-bounds for members of this command, but the step was an unnecessary precaution. There have been no reported violations. Marines having adopted a strict "hands off" policy even before the order was issued. The Japanese concession contains the city's largest foreign element, but Marines have contacted their old enemy only in the routine performance of duties. Japs are daily occupied with various tasks within Marine areas, but they have failed to gain even a flicker of recognition.

JAP BOYCOTT

Marines have voluntarily and without open agreement boycotted the Japanese. A Jap busy at work within a few feet of a group of Marines fails to gain even a glance of appraisal. All outward signs of recognition are absent.

Japanese working parties are under the control and direction of their own officers and they have carried out their duties in a reliable, efficient fashion. No reason is provided for recourse between Marine enlisted men and Japanese. This is the quiet struggle of flashing eyes, quiet, hating hearts and muttered oaths. And of long memories—memories that stretch back to the battlefields of Guadalcanal.

CHINESE FRIENDLY

The problem, of course, has been simplified by a large and friendly Chinese population, and a scattering of foreign nationals. Marines

have been grandly received and friendships have formed fast with the aid of pidgin English and extensive gestures.

The fraternization problem went out the window with the Marines' arrival when a half-million wildly cheering Chinese turned out to welcome the veteran fighting organization.

"Boy, what a relief," is the general outlook of Marines, "to be with real, friendly people again after all those howling scraping Japs in the Pacific. If we ever catch one of these Chinese howling I'm going to give him the word in a hurry."

Dog's Life Not So Bad, Marines Find

SASEBO, Japan (Delayed) — Leathernecks here have informed Marine Corps correspondents that a dog's life, particularly if the dog happens to be in service, isn't as bad as it's been cracked up to be.

One of the first outlets to be sent home from this naval base is the 6th Mar. War Dog Platoon, they report.

Thirty-six Doberman Pinschers and German Shepherds and an Alaskan Husky already are en route to Camp Lejeune, N. C., where they will be "detained."

Detaining consists of lavishing affection on the canine veterans

WR's Extend As Civvies

HONOLULU — Eleven members of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve who elected to be discharged in Hawaii during the last month are now engaged in civilian life on Oahu, it was disclosed today by Maj. Marion Wing, commanding officer of the Women's Reserve Bn. at Moanalua Ridge.

Three of the ex-servicewomen are married to Marines stationed on Oahu and five are working for the Army's post exchange system. One, a violinist, is employed in a Honolulu music store, another works for a wholesale jeweler. The last is a beauty operator in Wai-kiki.

The three Marine wives were, as women Marines, StSgt. Alice A. Overton, Corp. Ruth E. Dale and PFC. Mary P. Bacon. Ex-Sgt. Overton is married to 1st Lt. James S. Kennedy; ex-Corp. Dale is the bride of Corp. E. James Matthews, and the former Pvt. Bacon is married to MTSgt. Edward W. Hale.



(Photo by Pvt. Earl E. O'Hara)

FUTURE BRIGHT. If his future is rosy it will be because he painted it that way himself. Pictured is Capt. Jo G. Martin, who lost the sight of his right eye. He has taken up painting to improve the use of his remaining eye and may continue as a professional artist.

One-Eyed Marine Paints Rosy Future—in Oil

By Pvt. R. M. Prosser

If the future looks rosy for Capt. Jo G. Martin, partially blind Marine officer from Nevada, it will be because he has painted it that way himself.

With hold strokes, Capt. Martin of the Base has turned the artist's brush, pallet and easel into therapeutic tools for his own physical rehabilitation.

FORMER LAWYER

A lawyer and former Nevada county attorney, Capt. Martin served with the Marines in Cuba and France during the last war and was recalled to serve Stateside during this one. An eye injury aggravated by his military duties caused Capt. Martin to lose the sight of his right eye and to

apparently lose his ability to earn a living as a lawyer.

"I don't know yet whether or not I can successfully practice before the bar as I used to," Capt. Martin admitted. "The type of practice I conducted called for a great deal of research and two good eyes so my present condition is a severe handicap. However, landscape and marine painting is helping me gain confidence."

NOT LICKED YET

Several dozen workmanlike canvases attest that Capt. Martin is far from licked and his painting instructor, Orren R. Loudon, predicts that Capt. Martin may soon be ready to hold a one-man show.

China Chu-Chu Chucks Clock

People who are used to setting their watches with the 5 o'clock limited would find themselves a few days behind time if they followed the same procedure in China. Rarely does the limited come into the station on the same time each day.

If you ask the engineer of an outgoing train when his section will leave the station he will give you a blank stare and finally tell you he hasn't the slightest idea.

Recently two Marines stopped at the station master's office and asked when the next train was leaving. Given the approximate time, the two Leathernecks said they were going across the street for a cup of coffee. The trainmaster told them to take their time. He would hold the train for them if they were late.

Church Services

Sunday services, Base Chapel: PROTESTANT, 0800 Holy Communion (Evangelist); 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (General). R&R, 0615 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Worship. Bldg. 110 (Brig), 1045 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1000 Morn. Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Recruit Depot, 0800 Mass; Base Chapel, 0915 Mass; R&R, 1015 Mass; Camp Matthews, 0800 Mass.

LATTER DAY SAINTS, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1400 Afternoon Worship.

JEWISH, Camp Matthews, 0915 Services; Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1030 Services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1800 Services. Weekday Services: PROTESTANT, Ad. Bldg. (Room 206), 1700 Tues., Bible Class.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1600 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1820 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1900 Novena, Tues. R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123) 1800 Confessions, Sat.

Brent's Brevities Due Thursday

Brent's Brevities, supposedly the hottest variety show on the Pacific Coast, will be presented at the Base Theater Thursday night, Jan. 10, at 1700 and 2000.

Acts include singers, dancer, a magician, and novelty acts.

Advance publicity reports the show to be one of the best to be presented to service folk.

BEAR A HAND

Wanted SMALL apartment, near MCP, or room with kitchen privileges. Call J-6034.

For Sale AUTO, 1938 Oldsmobile, business coupe. In excellent condition. Call PFC. Keith Lambert, Ext. 375.

OFFICER'S heavy overcoat, size 40. Call Glendove 5-2954 after 1800.

Rental Exchange WILL exchange rental of one-bedroom furnished home in Coronado for rental in Los Angeles. Children acceptable. Mrs. Foster, Houlter 3-4848.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Highest single deposit under the Army's soldiers' deposits plan was made by a corporal. He tossed \$36,500 on the counter.

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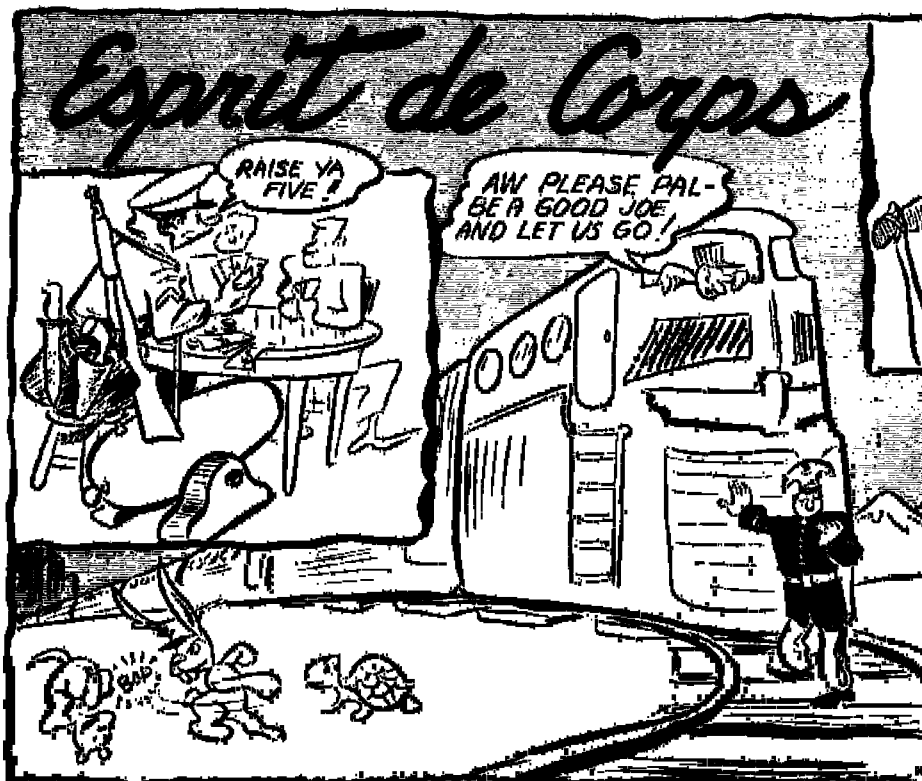
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THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

NEW YORK (SEA)—Nightly diner at a Times Square automat is a doctor who brings along his own gold and silver dishes.

JONESVILLE, Mich. (SEA)—Rex Cook, discharged from the Army for an "incurable" throat ailment that left him voiceless, regained his speech when he recovered from a severe cold.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (SEA)—Harvard University professors have decided there is no such thing as a perfectly normal person.

GREENVILLE, Nc. (SEA)—C. Max Hilton shot two huge black bears in one day, both within 50 feet of his home.

SALT LAKE CITY (SEA)—The crime prevention bureau here accumulated a supply of toy pistols to entertain lost children. A few days later it found the pistols had disappeared.

DETROIT (SEA)—Pat Buttram, radio comic, has as script writers a Congressman from Mississippi and a professor at the University of Chicago.

FT. ATKINSON, Wis. (CNS)—The secret of longevity has been revealed by Grandma Adeline Hill, just turned 107. "I wear two petticoats," says she.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Leo Mundy, a local tavern keeper, knows how to stop a fight in his pub. Whenever one starts, he merely opens a tear gas jet behind the bar.

SAN DIEGO (SEA)—A moment after he drew four nines in a draw-poker game, David Herscovitch dropped dead of a heart attack.

BROOKLINE, Mass. (SEA)—Buster, New England's richest cat, died here, leaving \$10,000 willed him by his late master. Buster left no will.

FT. WAYNE, Ind. (SEA)—A young friend trying to waken Fred L. Smith, a heavy sleeper, took off Smith's shoes, poured lighter fluid on his socks and set his feet afire.

LOS ANGELES (SEA)—A city ordinance has been prepared which would permit you to smoke on streetcars here.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y. (SEA)—An impatient auto enthusiast stole a demonstration 1946 Buick from a show room, took a joyride, then abandoned it.

LAWTON, Okla. (SEA)—Mrs. Shirley Carter threw out a mouse she thought she had killed. The family cat started playing with it. The mouse revived and bit the cat in the jugular vein. The cat died.

KALAMAZOO (SEA)—A local paper carried this ad: "Work wanted by a returned veteran. Drinks. Late to work. Lazy. Wants a good job." No report on how he made out.

CHICAGO (SEA)—Shelby Jean Davis, 18-year-old backwoods radio singer, claims that 981 babies of her listeners have been named after her, establishing a record of some sort.

CINCINNATI (SEA)—Persons with bad colds have been known to develop "super-hurricane" coughs that break ribs or collapse lungs, the American College of Chest Physicians was told.

SAN DIEGO—Sherman Loudermilk, a California artist, is the proud pappy of a girl, Lydia Lanyon Loudermilk, born at 21:07 last Thursday night. Says Loudermilk, "I knew she had it in her!"

INDIANAPOLIS (SEA)—Rescuing a dog from the bottom of a well, Ashton Burnett solved the problem of how to climb back up the rope hand-over-hand, carrying the dog. Remembering how a mother dog carries her pups, he clamped his teeth into the nape of the dog's neck and got him up.

FT. WORTH (SEA)—In some dead-letter packages opened by postal clerk J. E. Lionberger were a Jap rifle, dagger, a German sniper's rifle, Nazi helmets and flags, a Pacific grass skirt and a 15-foot python. The python, fortunately, was dead.



(OFF-DUTY) — (Sketch by Sgt. Sherman Loudermilk)
NORTHERN BLIGHT. Sonja Sourdough, fair-haired darling of the Alaskan steppes and Dutch Harbor Marines, is shown taking a short vacation from her strenuous duties as one of Santa Claus's assistants. She is Chief-Operator-in-Charge-of-Gnomes-and-Trolls. She says, "I've been working so hard all year on something for the boys that I thought I really ought to take some time off before I go into a decline. One has to think of one's health, you know! Mush on!" — And on, . . . and on.